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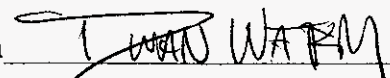
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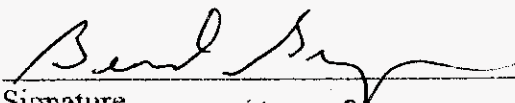
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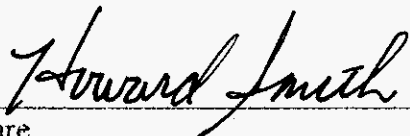
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Today, many of the gains that people of African ancestry have made in media during the past three decades are being systematically reversed. Racial diversity in media ownership and representation in the newsrooms is in decline. The fact that "Like It Is" is one of the only regularly scheduled Black programs produced at WABC-TV out of 168 hours of airtime a week, coupled with your station's decision to first try to eliminate the program and then in lieu of that slash the time format, reflects a dangerous, frightening and disturbing trend.

Again, I call upon you to return "Like It Is" to its original hour format. We are very much aware that Disney, an entertainment conglomerate, owns ABC and its news and public affairs department. While I will always support "Like It Is" and Gil Noble, I feel that if these reasonable requests are not granted, I will be forced to find other ways to express my displeasure via my network viewing habits and my purchasing power. I will encourage others to do the same. There are many ways in which my community can register its displeasure pertaining to what we feel is your insensitivity to the audience that "Like It Is" serves. And as Black History Month is fast approaching, and as "Like It Is" always does special programming to honor this month, it is even more urgent that you return the show to its original hour immediately. If this show is not returned to its one hour format in time for Black History month, I will without hesitation use the options mentioned above.

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